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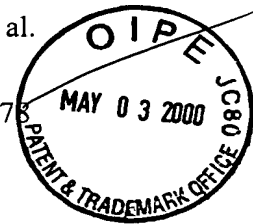
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Alvarez et al.

Application No.: 09/079,675

Filed: May 15, 1998

For: RANDOM PEPTIDES THAT BIND TO  
GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT (GIT)  
TRANSPORT RECEPTORS AND RELATED  
METHODS



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**PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE  
AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants also submit herewith in connection with the instant application: (1) an Amendment fee transmittal sheet; (2) a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time to Respond for five months, plus the necessary fee; (3) a Substitute Specification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b) (and a Compare-Rite version thereof); (4) Amendment to the Drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121; (5) a computer disk containing a computer readable version of the revised sequence listings, together with the necessary certification; and (6) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with Revised PTO 1449 Form listing Reference BM together with a copy of Reference BM.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete pages 1-233 and replace with the substitute specification consisting of pages 1-298 submitted herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows: